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CA05-1281/CA06-137

Per Curiam

ANTHONY IVERS, SR.

September 20, 2006

APPELLANT

V.

APPEAL FROM THE WASHINGTON
COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
[NO. JV-2005-327-3]

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES

HON. STACEY A. ZIMMERMAN,
CIRCUIT JUDGE

APPELLEE

ORDER TO CONSOLIDATE AND
ADVANCE THE DOCKET

In CA05-1281, Anthony Ivers, Sr., appeals from an order adjudicating his newborn child AI dependent-neglected, relieving DHS of providing reunification services for him, and establishing adoption as the permanency goal for AI. Over Ivers's objection, subsequent to Ivers's filing his notice of appeal in that case, the trial court proceeded to a hearing on the termination of Iverson's parental rights, and granted termination. There is pending at this time a separate appeal, CA06-137, which deals with the termination of Ivers's parental rights. We have been made aware of the termination by the appellee and by motions that we disposed of in May of this year. The appellant's and appellee's briefs in CA06-137 have already been filed.

Pursuant to Rule 3(c) of the Arkansas Rules of Appellate Procedure - Civil, we order consolidation of CA05-1281 and CA06-137. Further, we direct the clerk of this court to advance the docket and expedite the handling of this consolidated appeal by assigning it to the writing judge on the panel that has taken CA05-1281 under submission. To this end, we direct that if appellant

Ivers intends to file a reply brief, that brief shall be due to this court no later than September 26, 2006.

It is so ordered.